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Serial No. 09/992,538 : SEQUENCE OF DNA OR RNA AND DNA
SEQUENCER
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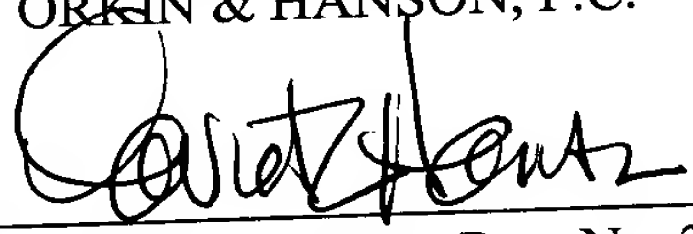
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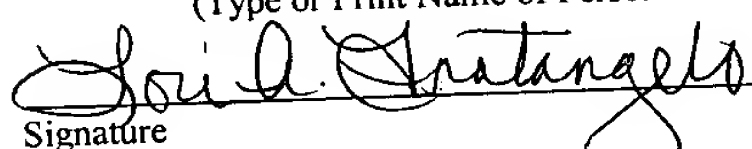
Applicant claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-351844 which corresponds to the above-identified United States patent application and which was filed in the Japanese Patent Office on November 17, 2000. A certified copy of the priority document will follow. The priority benefits provided by Section 119 of the Patent Act of 1952 are claimed for the above application.

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